

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Delegation Executive Finance Committee
Date/Time: September 1, 2009, 1 PM
Place: 14 Main Street Newport, Commissioners Conference Room

Finance Committee Members Present: Rep. Gottling, Osgood, Rodeschin, McClammer

EFC Members Absent: Rep. Cloutier

Other Delegation Members Present: None

Public Present: Larry Converse

Meeting was called to order 1:00 pm

Rep. Rodeschin moved to table approval of the minutes until next meeting.

Seconded by Rep. Osgood.

Approved 4 – 0.

Mr. Chanis distributed financials as of Sept. 1. There appear to be no surprises as it is early in the year.

Mr. Chanis addressed the draft audit and handed out a few pages from it.

The third bullet states that the unreserved fund balance for the general fund shows a positive change of \$3,190,510.

Page 3 outlines where the money came from: contra fund, ARRA funds, increased nursing home revenue, closeout of healthcare expenses and other adjustments.

Auditors sent a letter to County expressing that this was the smoothest audit they have had in Sullivan County. If we come close to budget and other expectations, we should have a positive fund balance next year.

There was a discussion of what might happen to the budget next year. Mr. Chanis feels it will be difficult to keep the tax rate level.

The final FY 2009 budget was distributed as well as the percentage and amount of county tax due for each community as calculated by the DRA.

A transfer sheet, not needing approval by EFC, was distributed that shows how the Commissioners will contribute to the lawsuit by the Counties against the State because of the change in the percentage the state contributes to the retirement system. The change this year would cost \$21,000.

Mr. Chanis reported on the Corrections projects. Phase one is virtually done. Phase two is well under way. Bids will be going out soon. There may be some potential under the stimulus program for a preferred financial loan. However, since we are going for a ten-year loan it may not be much benefit. It appears we will get the best bang for our money by going through the municipal bond bank.

Rep Osgood left at 1:38.

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At the July summer sale, bonds went for 3%. For short term financing, local banks work well, but long term financing is more complicated.

There is hope the Corrections Center will be "in the ground" by the middle of October.

We will apply for a large grant for energy infrastructure. Projects included could be Cooperative Extension building, solar heating for new Community Corrections Center, continued window and lighting upgrades. Mr. Chanis will follow up the requirements for receiving this money.

We have been approached by other entities to purchase power from a different source, not PSNH. The benefit would show up in the distribution charge of the electric bill.

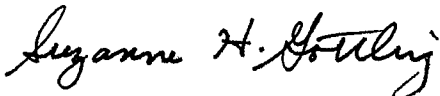
Payroll changes will also be taken to the commissioners. There might not be any savings this year, but there will be in the future.

Mr. Purdy handed out the monthly report for the SCHC. Although July census did not meet expectations, it was higher than one year ago. June/July has been slow and the mix has not been what we aim for. In August, the mix was better. We will have an average census of 134. There are 137 today. The state survey took place in June and it was positive. There were a few minor issues. Use of agency nursing staff has decreased by 40% over the last few months.

Rep. Gottling reviewed the minutes from a commissioners' meeting that suggests a new position has been created and the commissioners would increase compensation for the position before the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Acting Clerk
Sullivan County Delegation Executive Finance Committee

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